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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **NISHIUCHI, et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1763

Serial No.: 10/615,381

Examiner: **Richard R. BUEKER**

Filed: **July 9, 2003**

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 1378

For. **SURFACE TREATING PROCESS, SURFACE TREATING APPARATUS,
VAPOR-DEPOSITING MATERIAL, AND RARE EARTH METAL-BASED
PERMANENT MAGNET WITH SURFACE TREATED**

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
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Date: April 20, 2006

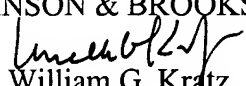
Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 22, 2005 for one month, from March 22, 2006 to April 22, 2006.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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